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Executive Director and Secretary
State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Joint Petition of Verizon New England, Inc. *et al.* and
FairPoint Communications, Inc. - Docket No. DT 07-011**



Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter is sent to notify the Commission that Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") has reached a settlement with Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., NYNEX Long Distance Company and Verizon Select Services Inc. ("Verizon"). PSNH withdraws its claims in full regarding the above captioned matter and no longer requests the Commission to condition the approval of the merger on the payment by Verizon of past maintenance trimming expenses.

PSNH continues to support the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PSNH and FairPoint Communications, Inc. (Exhibit PSNH 3-P) regarding joint pole operations in the future and urges the Commission to adopt the MOU in its final order. PSNH otherwise fully and unconditionally supports the approval of the joint application of FairPoint and Verizon.

Please feel free to contact me if further information is required.

Very truly yours,

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